













Brownfield Land Recycling Program

Brownfields

Old industrial properties, abandoned residences, historic gas stations, and former landfills are among the properties that are generically referred to as brownfields. These properties remain idle because their redevelopment is complicated by the presence or suspected presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Petroleum, solvents, heavy metals, PCBs, and other chemicals in the soil, water, and structures make the sale and reuse of brownfield properties a difficult challenge. As a result, potentially valuable urban real estate remains underused, and often becomes eyesores or even hazardous.

Land Recycling Program

The Brownfield Land Recycling Program is a cooperative effort led by the City of Flagstaff Environmental Services Division. We work closely with other areas of City Government, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, and community groups. Together we are striving to cleanup and bring the contaminated and underused properties of Flagstaff back into productive use.

The Brownfield Land Recycling Program assists property owners, developers, business owners, and potential property buyers as they confront the obstacles of clean up and rebuilding of businesses, homes, affordable housing, and green spaces. We offer incentives, such as infrastructure improvements, tax abatement and expedited permitting to encourage brownfield redevelopment. Additionally, The City of Flagstaff purchases brownfield properties to clean them up, and resell them for redevelopment that benefits the community.

"A brownfield is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant."

Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act January 11, 2002

Benefits to the Community

Land recycling improves both the quality of life for Flagstaff residents and the environment we live in. It creates jobs, revitalizes neighborhoods, increases property values, and reduces potential human health risks. It also decreases the development pressure on open land and reduces urban sprawl by providing development opportunities within the city.

More Information

For more information on the Brownfield Land Recycling Program and our current projects please visit our website at:

www.flastaff.az.gov/environment

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